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**Parish Priest:** Fr Gerry McKernan

**Pastoral Worker:** Mrs Rebecca Sandwell



## ST KEVIN'S PARISH

### VISION STATEMENT

St Kevin's Templestowe Parish is a Catholic community called by God and trusting in Jesus. We aspire to care for and connect with the wide world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full.

**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021**

**Year B**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Fr Gerry McKernan's Golden Jubilee and Farewell Weekend**

### **FAREWELL FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST, FR GERRY McKERNAN**



*"Jan, I am going to put my hand up for St Kevin's."*

*"Good Gev (pause), I just hope you are happy."*



*"Michael (Mangan), I'm finding it really hard to leave Holy Saviour."*

*"Gerry, God will put in your path, those whom you would never have met, if you didn't go to St Kevin's."*

Eleven and a half years have flashed past and Jan you will know that I have been extremely happy (most of the time!) and Michael how right you were!

The list of wonderful, skilful, generous people who have come into my life as a result of my coming to St Kevin's fills me with deep emotional gratitude.

Mind you, I happily say that about all eleven parishes that I've been blessed to embrace!

Shakespeare has it right. I've always found that "Parting is such sweet sorrow". An indication of how parishioners everywhere have been so loving and embracing.

'Thank you' is insufficient, and yet as I reflect on and experience the love offered to me in my 50 years of ministry, it is a simple phrase that encaptures so much.

**"Let's give thanks to the Lord our God".**

# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

**Adoration** – Each weekday @ 8.30am and  
11.00am on Wednesday mornings

**Masses/Communion Services this week-**

**Thursday:** 9.15am Service of the Word with Communion @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Saturday:** 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8.30am & 10.00am

**Christian Meditation** – Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel.

**DIARY DATES FOR MAY:**

26<sup>th</sup> Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

29<sup>th</sup> Baptism Presentation Mass

30<sup>th</sup> Baptism Presentation Mass

## **FAREWELL TO OUR PARISH PRIEST, FR GERRY MCKERNAN**

*Thank you!* **and CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOLDEN JUBILEE!** *farewell*

Yes, it is sad to see you go Fr Gerry but we are also pleased to know that you are now headed for a well-earned rest in retirement.

**This weekend, we of St Kevin's have the privilege of giving a big parish "hug" to Fr Gerry and send him on his way to retirement living.**

**We do so with grateful hearts, recognising the outstanding contributions Fr Gerry has given to our community.**

*Tributes from Parish Staff...*

*"Happy retirement to my bouncing bunny! Thank you for your unfailing love and support over the last 11 years. I won't say 'Adieu' as I know where you live, but please know we are always here for you." Liza Jansz.*

*"Fr Gerry, I was truly blessed the day you approached me for my role (although I didn't realise it at the time); so from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for all your love, laughter, support, kindness and especially friendship and for being THE BEST BOSS EVER." Rebecca Sandwell.*

*"Farewell and Congratulations to our beautiful Fr Gerry. You leave us with very big shoes to fill indeed. You have spent most of your life looking after other people, now it is time for you to look after you." Nadia Bolzonello.*

*Happy Retirement!* **Thank you and Blessings!!** *★ Congratulations! ★*



## **Farewell Celebration**

# LITURGY ROSTER

Trinity Sunday – 29/30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deut 4: 32-34, 29-40 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 8: 14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Lucy Halliburton	Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Volunteer Family
8.45am	Margaret Mangan	Ken Sharpe	Christine Flannery	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Mishika Perera	Lyn Murphy Silvana Rodella	Volunteer Family

**We pray for Better Health:** Jan Dalton, Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien, Paul Bradley, John Rowland, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Marie Robson, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Simon Kearney and John Coates.

**Anniversaries:** Rosa Giannini, Val Byrne, Geraldine Dalla Riva, Maureen Whyte, Vince Materazzo (1) and John Norman (1)

**Recently Deceased:**

## MASSES AT ST KEVIN'S CHURCH

For the time being, weekend Masses at St Kevin's Church will continue to be celebrated as usual ie Saturday evening @ 5.30am and Sunday morning @ 8.30am and 10.00am.

Next weekend and the following, we welcome Fr Paul Connell who has kindly agreed to assist us. There will not be any Masses during the week, however we will offer Services of the Word with Communion in the Chapel with the first one being this Thursday @ 9.15am. The Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli, has some big plans, not only for St Kevin's Parish but for every parish in Melbourne. He has prepared a Letter to further open up the conversations around re-imagining our local Church as Mission Communities.

If you are seeking information around the conversations that are beginning, we encourage you to have a look at this letter which is on our website.

This information will be further updated as we receive it at our parish.

## Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Sing praise to God.

## Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**Mass Count** We are now in the month of May – so could everyone please complete the Census Card provided and place it in the baskets provided.  
Remember – one card per party please.



For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

**Propagation of the Faith  
Appeal** will be held on the  
weekend of 5/6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network**

Meditation is not about thinking. It is about presence. Each of us has to learn to be wholly present in the moment that we have. Too often we think about the past or the future, or we sit with memories or plans. Learn to stay with the now of the present moment. Say your mantra with attention. Say your word with growing and deepening attention, listening to the word as you say it.

## **For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD**

ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai\*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

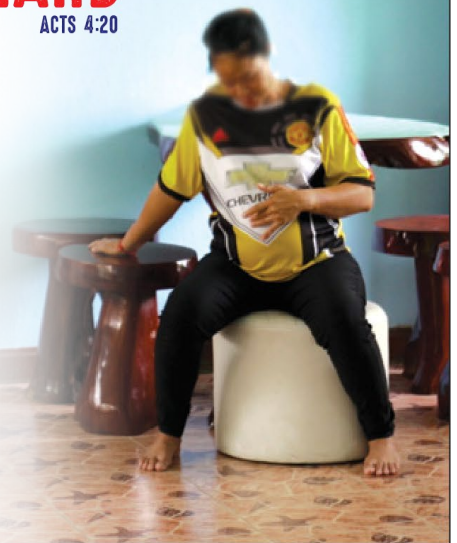
The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



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### **BREAD BAG RECYCLING AT ST KEVIN'S:**



St Kevin's school is participating in the Wonder Recycling Rewards – a program for schools to recycle plastic bread bags that might otherwise go to landfill. For every 5kg bin filled, the school will earn credits for new sports equipment. The bread bags will be recycled to create things like school furniture and play equipment! Let us support them and start collecting your bread bags and drop them in the box in the Church Gathering Space.

**QR Scan Mass Attendance:** It is important that we register our attendance at Mass by scanning the Government QR code on your mobile. Our QR code is displayed here for your convenience. We encourage you to scan the code before you arrive at Mass to help reduce the bottlenecks when entering the Church. You can QR Scan just before you arrive; at home before you leave, in your car after you park, or alternatively when you are first seated in Church. If you are unsure how to use the QR scan code, or you don't have a smart phone, please ask one of our friendly parishioners to register for you. Hopefully, this will help to avoid the queues in the Church Gathering Space. Thank you for your support.

